Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of growth centres
8.	Kerala	01
9.	Madhya Pradesh	04
10.	Maharashtra	02
11.	Punjab	02
12.	Rajasthan	04
13.	Tamil Nadu	01
14.	Tripura	01
15.	Uttar Pradesh	03
	TOTAL:	27

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No. of sanctioned growth centres in the North-Eastern States and the amount of Central Assistance released

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of growth centres sanctiooned	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Assam	02	350
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	148
3.	Manipur	01	150
4.	Meghalaya	01	50
5.	Mizoram	01	300
6.	Nagaland	01	1050
7.	Tripura	01	50
	TOTAL:	08	2098

Export and import of agro and non-agro products

1452. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of agro and non-agro products imported and exported during the last three years;

(b) the cost of imported and exported items;

(c) the difference of amount in import and export; and

(d) the steps being taken to bring import and export at par?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) As per the latest trade data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, the total value of export and import of agro and non-agro products and their difference during last three years in US dollar million are as given below:

AGRO PRODUCTS **U.S. $ MILLION**

YEAR	Export	Import	Difference
1997-98	3889	1796	2093
1998-99	3845	2996	849
1999-2000*	3397	2741	656

***Provisional**

NON-AGRO PRODUCTS **U.S. $ MILLION**

YEAR	Export	Import	Difference
1997-98	31117	39688	-8571
1998-99	29374	39393	-10019
1999-2000*	34141	43413	-9272

***Provisional**

The details of quantity and value of various agro and non-agro items are given in the monthly and Annual Publication of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) As seen from the above table, exports of the agro items are higher than its imports. However, Government is taking a number of steps to promote exports of various products including agro products, which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures from time to time. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Identification of new sectors, new items and new markets for exports is a continuous process.

Visit of US trade delegation

1453. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade delegation from USA comprising public and private sector visited India to explore collaborative efforts to various projects in India.

(b) if so, what were the main subjects discussed;